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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of the Senate Testimony on Southeast Asia

1. At the request of Mr. Maury, I reviewed some 250 pages of closed-session testimony on Southeast Asia. This executive session was held to debate the adoption of the Church Amendment which prohibits the use of American ground troops in Laos and Thailand without the consent of Congress. There were only ten references to CIA in the testimony. All the substantive statements were by Senator Fulbright. [REDACTED]

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25X1C [REDACTED] Senator Fulbright's comments were made to inform all the senators present of this commitment and were not critical in tone. At one point Senator Fulbright, almost in soliloquy, reflects sympathetically that he knows that CIA would really rather pursue intelligence operations and not be involved in such large-scale paramilitary activity. He concludes that CIA has been forced into this action by the National Security Agency! The Senator meant, of course, the National Security Council. I indicated the whole passage should remain classified.

2. For the record, the testimony discussing CIA activities on pages 227S, 243S, 244S, 245S, 246-249S, 250S, 254S, 314S, 317S, 353S were marked for continued classification.

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